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TITLE: ERYSIPELOTHRIX RHUSIOPATHIAE ✓
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 15, 2001 TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

This Amendment is submitted in response to the October 13, 2001 Telephone Interview between applicants' undersigned attorney and Examiner Devi, the Examiner to whom the above-identified patent application has been reassigned for Telephone Interview, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11.

Please add the following claims 12-22:

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12. An antigen composition comprising a fluid fraction from an *E. rhusiopathiae* culture and a stabilizing agent.

13. The antigen composition of Claim 12, wherein said stabilizing agent is a metal hydroxide, a metal phosphate, an aluminum hydroxide gel, an aluminum phosphate gel, a calcium phosphate gel, a zinc hydroxide/calcium hydroxide gel or an alum.

14. The antigen composition of Claim 12, wherein said *E. rhusiopathiae* culture